

## CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

## Make Mother Happy.

Children, make your mother happy;  
Make her sing instead of sigh;  
For the mournful hour of parting  
May be very, very nigh.

Children, make your mother happy;  
Many griefs she has to bear,  
And she wears 'neath her burdens;  
Can you not these burdens share?

Children, make your mother happy;  
Prompt obedience cheers the heart;  
While a willful disobedience  
Pierces like a poisoned dart.

Children, make your mother happy;  
On her brow the lines of care  
Deepen daily; don't you see them?  
While your own are smooth and fair.

Children, make your mother happy;  
For, beneath the coffin-lid,  
All too soon her face, so saint-like,  
Shall in death's calm sleep be hid.

DEAR EDITOR: As other little girls are writing so much for the EVANGELIST I thought I would write for the column, as I have never seen any from this part. Pa takes the EVANGELIST and I like to read the children's letters. It is so nice to have a good paper to read these long, cold evenings. But did you ever think, dear little children, of the poor little children that have no paper to read nor fire to keep them warm? I have read of so many that have frozen to death this winter and some little children that froze in their houses. There were nine in one house and eight froze. Oh how thankful we ought to be that we have a good home and pa and ma to take care of us.

Pa and ma are members of the Brethren Church and grandpa and grandma. There is a large church here of the Brethren for a new country. We have three ministers, Bro. Lichty, Bro. C. Kimmel, and Bro. Collins. Bro. Collins is our school master and I like him very much. I live two miles from school and the winter has been so bad I could not go every day. I study Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Spelling, Grammar and Geography. I am twelve years old. I have three little brothers, and one sister. My little sister is eight years old. She has gone to Iowa to go to school. She has been gone four months. She lives with my aunt.

Well I will close for this time. Hope to hear from more of the children. This is my first letter. I will try and write again.

NETT M. SWART.  
Rockwell City, Kans.

DEAR EDITOR: A friend of my parents has asked me to write to the EVANGELIST, and I will try to do so. I used to live in Ashland and worked in the EVANGELIST office awhile. But on the 1st of January we started for this place, where father was sick, and after stopping at Bloomington, Illinois, with father's uncle over Sunday, we arrived here safely on the 4th of January. Mother has been sick since her arrival. Father is not much better but mother is better. My oldest brother, Horace, and myself are going to school at this place. It is a graded school and the principal to whom I recite is a good teacher. My sister Cora and my brother Clarence are doing the house work. This is a nice appearing country, but the improvements both in the town and in the country are not to be compared with those in Ohio. But we however, have a comfortable house to live in. There is no Brethren church in this town but I am going to the Presbyterian church because that church is nearest to our house.

CHARLIE F. YODER.  
Lockwood, Mo. Feb. 6th, 1886.

DEAR EDITOR: I am seven years old. Will try to write a letter for your paper, for the first time. I go to school every day. I like my teacher. His name is James Grant. I read in the third reader, Write, Spell and study Arithmetic. My grandma lives with us. Ma and grandma belong to the Brethren church. My pa is dead. I have one little sister, Bertha. Have no brother. I will close for this time, hoping to hear from the little boys and girls.

AGNES J. BOWERS.  
West Independence, O., Feb. 15, '86.

DEAR EDITOR: I love to read the little folks letters. I see four from Johnstown, Pa., but they forgot to send in pennies for the Missionary Fund, or they must be very poor. I will send you ten cents as soon as I

can. I go to Sunday school. Mary Keim is my teacher. She is good and gives us nice cards. If crads were money I would send it for Missionary Fund. I am eight years old. I must close for this time. My name is,  
MINNIE RUPERT.  
Louisville, O., Feb. 11th.

## Uncle Joe's Band of Hope.

DEAR CHILDREN: I am very glad that in No. 4 there were several good letters from the children. I hope every paper will contain some. Do you remember that in No. 3 a dear little boy told you that he had written "a postal card to Uncle Joe, of Cal?" He is not afraid to tell everybody that he belongs to my Band of Hope—that he is not going to drink intoxicating liquor, use tobacco, or use profane language. That is right, and I wish all the little boys and girls who write for the paper would join our Band of Hope and help us do good.

I suppose you would like to know how many names I have. Well, I have sixty nine. One lady is 56 years of age. Persons never get too old to join our band. I have the names of a number of young ladies and gentlemen who are from 15 to 16 years of age, and I am glad of it. Perhaps some of you belong to Bands of Hope at home. If you do, that should not keep you from sending your name to me too; and if you send your names to me, it will not keep you from joining a band at home.

Now I will tell you what some of the little girls and boys say. Addie says:

"We will all try and not use any of the evils which you spoke of. I will give my name, and the names of my brothers and sister, and will try and get as many others as I can."

Next day Addie went to school and "got five more names." This was in Ohio. Addie will make a missionary. Another one from the same state says:

"DEAR UNCLE JOE: I want to be long to your Band of Hope. I want to abstain from all appearance of evil. My age is eight years."

That is the kind of boys we need, and we need the same kind of girls. It would be well too, if some of the fathers and mothers would "abstain from all appearance of evil." One little boy living in Indiana, says:

"We, as little brothers wish to be long to your Band of Hope. Thank God we have a father before us that don't use tobacco, or strong drink, nor bad words."

This is truly a blessing to be thankful for. But I have known some children who had such parents, but they did not follow their good example, as these little brothers do. Then I have known some parents who did these things, and their children did not. A little girl says:

"DEAR UNCLE JOE: I have several names for that pretty little book of yours. We want to belong to your Band of Good Hope."

Yes, it is a "Band of Good Hope." She sent the names of twelve little girls. I wish she would send the names of twelve boys. I have a card

from Smicksburg, Pa., with three names saying:

"Please enroll our names as members of your Band of Hope. We hope you will have many names enrolled and meet with good success. By, by, Uncle J."

This is a hopeful card. I think they will send more names. A little boy writing from Sherwood, O., sends thirteen names. He says:

"DEAR UNCLE JOE: We wish to belong to your Band of Hope. It may be that I will send you another card. I hope you will succeed, Good bye."

Certainly we will succeed. It is a glorious cause. It is hard to reform a drunkard or a user of tobacco or a profane person; but children who have not yet learned these habits can easily see how ugly and bad they are, and they can easily keep from learning them. I hope that the members of our band will get all the names they can, and that they will all live out their good resolutions.

## UNCLE JOE.

Lathrop, Cal. Feb. 5, 1886.

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